

# Medicaid in the Public Schools MIPS

**New funding source now available for schools!** Arizona Physicians IPA (APIPA) is proud to administer the Medicaid in the Public Schools (MIPS) program.

**What is MIPS?** MIPS is a new program in Arizona that reimburses participating school districts and charter schools for special health services they provide to Medicaid-eligible special education students.

**Who can participate?** Any Arizona public school district, non-sponsored or non-affiliated charter school and the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind is eligible to participate in MIPS.

**Who is providing the funding?** MIPS reimbursement is provided through AHCCS with Federal Medicaid/Title XIX monies. Participating LEAs must provide the state/local match for the State to access the Federal funding.

**What services are covered?** Occupational, speech and physical therapies, behavioral health, nursing, transportation and health aide services provided on or after July 1, 2000 are covered.

**What students are eligible?** Students must be age 3-22, have an active IEP, a signed parental consent form and be Title XIX eligible at the time the service was provided.

**What are the provider requirements?** LEAs must register with the AHCCS as a group biller and receive provider ID numbers for health aide and transportation services. Providers who render direct services must register with AHCCS to receive their own ID number.

**What is APIPA's role?** APIPA was awarded a contract by AHCCS to administer the MIPS program including providing technical assistance and training, claims processing and payment, and conducting periodic compliance reviews.

**How to begin?** APIPA can "match" a LEAs file of special education students against the AHCCS Title XIX file to determine the number of students who are potentially eligible for MIPS reimbursement. The next step is to begin the provider registration process.

**Questions?** Contact Linda Bylow, MIPS Manager, at 602-664-5204 or Derrick Harris, LEA Liaison, at 602-664-5208. [www.uhc.com/healthplans/states/arizona/mips](http://www.uhc.com/healthplans/states/arizona/mips)

*Permission to reprint was granted in March 2002 by Arizona Physicians IPA (APIPA) to the Parent Information Network, Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services. This article originally appeared in the Winter 2002 edition of Special Edition, a publication of the Arizona Department of Education .JB*